



TOWN OF SOUTHOLD YOUTH BUREAU REPORT

Founded in 2008, the Southold Youth Bureau and Youth Advisory Council have effectively worked with the community to promote positive youth development. Below are highlights of accomplishments:

- Partnership with the Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center to develop “anti-bias education” programming with local schools. With the Southold Anti Bias Taskforce, developed “campus climate survey” to assess perceptions of “bias” and “bullying” that was administered to youth and educators within Greenport and Mattituck-Cutchogue school districts.
- Hosted youth wellness workshops featuring noted speakers to discuss depression, bullying, substance abuse, internet safety, promoting nutrition, teen driving safety, etc.
- Sponsored “Global Youth Service Day” to recognize the importance of respecting the environment including land stewardship opportunities at a local farm.
- Published several updated editions of Town of Southold Youth Bureau Resource Directory consisting of local programs and services. This resource directory is also available on the Town’s website.
- Participated with the development of East End Gang and Violence Prevention conferences for law enforcement, educators, parents and community service providers.
- Developed employment opportunities for youth within Town government with payment from Suffolk County Department of Labor “Summer Works” program. Also provide internship opportunities for your youth to learn about Town government and implement programs to promote recycling.
- Hosted social and recreational programs for youth such as the annual Summer Jam with BBQ, musical entertainment and games along with sponsoring “Family Movie Nite in the Park” featuring the screening of movies with refreshments, talent shows at schools, open microphone nights at recreation center, outdoor concerts at beaches.
- Visited youth living on Fishers Island.
- Youth Advisory Council members participate in numerous community service projects: beach clean-up activities, dinner preparation and delivery to churches for the homeless, raking leaves for homebound seniors, making holiday cards and baking cookies for nursing home residents.
- Goals for 2012 include:
 - Provide social and recreational activities for tweens
 - Formalize community service component “Humanity in Action” with school districts
 - Continue to provide opportunities for youth living in Fishers Island the opportunity to meet youth who live in mainland Southold
 - Explore possibilities of creating a Youth Court in Southold